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**DISTRICT FOUR**

**MARCH 10, 2010 WEEKLY UPDATE**



On Monday, March 8, 2010, Councilman Young was joined by Mayor Sanders and many community members to break ground on the new state of the art children's playground at Martin Luther King Park. This project will include the replacement of playground equipment and upgrade the play area and accessibility improvements.



## **COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

**On Wednesday, March 3, 2010, more than 1,000 community members attended a Community Forum at Mount Erie Church hosted by Councilman Young, Rev. Walter Wells, Pastors On Point, President Lei-Chala Wilson of the San Diego NAACP, President and CEO Ray King of the Urban League, Dr. Shirley Weber and BAPAC to hear the concerns of African American Students at UCSD regarding several racist incidents directed at them.** Students from the Black Student Union (BSU) were joined by representatives from UCSD on a panel making presentations to the community. On Thursday, March 4, 2010, backed by the overwhelming support from the community, David Ritcherson and Finann Kefiezighi, co-presidents of UCSD's BSU, reached an agreement with UCSD's administrators to address diversity issues and recommendations which improve the campus climate throughout the UC San Diego community. Recommendations that will be put into action include: funding BSU's programs to increase diversity in students enrolled at the school; funding the program coordinator position for African American and Chicano/Latino Arts and Humanities studies; and having places on campus for indoor and outdoor display of art representing under-represented communities. UCSD will also create a task force to recruit, support and retain under-represented faculty, rewrite the student Code of Conduct requiring students to adhere to the Code of Conduct to the maximum extent. These actions are only part of the many recommendations agreed to by the University and the Black Student Union after the Community Forum. The University has also retained the Dean of UC Berkley's Law School to advise them on race matters and assist with improving the campus climate. We are proud of these young men and women for putting their



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education on the line in order to ensure they are not subjected to racist incidents and help ensure the campus of UCSD is truly a campus that values and embraces diversity in every way possible. I thank the community for joining me and many others in clearly stating that racism will not be tolerated in any form, and that swift and direct action be taken whenever it arises.

**On Tuesday, March 9, 2010, the San Diego City Council voted unanimously to fund an additional portion of the FY 2010 Street and Sidewalk Maintenance program.**

This action will provide for the replacement of sidewalks which have been damaged by tree roots citywide. Locations which need repair are reported by citizens and City personnel. The Street Division uses the following criteria to identify and prioritize repair locations for both contractual services and City forces work: the severity of the damage; the age of the request; other repair projects occurring at the same location; proximity to high pedestrian traffic facilities; and conflicts with other construction projects. The severity of the damage and the age of the request are the highest priorities. Locations to be repaired include sidewalks, curbs and gutters, and curb ramps. As we drive the 4<sup>th</sup> District my staff and I are identifying damaged sidewalks. However, we also need you to report any damage you see to my office at (619) 236-6644 or Streets Division at (619) 527-7500 (press "0" to get a live operator) and report sidewalks damaged by tree roots so they can be added to the list for repairs.

**On Tuesday, March 9, 2010, the San Diego City Council voted unanimously to approve funding toward the acquisition and rehabilitation of the Vista Grande Affordable Housing Project, located at 5391 and 5411-5425 Santa Margarita Street in the 4<sup>th</sup> District.**

Originally built in 1986, the Vista Grande Apartments is a 49-unit apartment complex. The rehabilitated apartments will include two-, three- and four-bedroom units. These older buildings offer a large potential for energy and water savings in the rehabilitation work. Proposed improvements include: new insulated roof; energy-efficient doors, windows, ceiling fans, lighting and appliances; a solar heating or electrical system; water-efficient plumbing fixtures and tankless water heaters; and water saving irrigation and drought tolerant landscaping. Exterior improvements include painting, fencing and gate repairs, landscaping, roofing, walkways, site drainage, lighting, and parking resurfacing. Also included is the incorporation of accessibility improvements to the playground area.

## **YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW:**

**Basic Fire Escape Planning for you and your family:**

- Gather everyone in your household to make an evacuation plan; make sure everyone fully understands the plan.



- Walk through the plan with your household and ensure there are no obstructions.
- If there are infants, elderly or mobility-challenged members, ensure there is another member who can safely assist with the evacuation.
- If there are security doors or windows, ensure that they have a quick release mechanism that is operable.
- Choose an offsite meeting site for everyone to meet after evacuating.
- Ensure any guests are aware of and understand the plan.
- Ensure every room has a working smoke alarm.
- Be prepared for a real fire; when the smoke alarm sounds, evacuate immediately, call 9-1-1 and do not go back in under any circumstances.

For more information on fire safety, please visit the City of San Diego's Fire-Rescue website at: <http://www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/>.

**District Four Planning Groups need your participation.** Community planning groups provide citizens with an opportunity for involvement in advising the City Council, the Planning Commission, and other decision-makers on development projects, general or community plan amendments, re-zonings and public facilities. The recommendations of the planning groups are integral components of the planning process, and are highly regarded by the City Council and by staff. There are five Planning Groups that impact District Four: City Heights, Eastern Area, Encanto, Skyline Hills/Paradise Hills and Southeastern. If you live, own a business or property in one of these areas and want to get involved, contact Bruce Williams in my office at (619)236-7175 for more information.

**Assemblymember Marty Block presents *Getting Back to Work*, an employment fair that will be held on Friday, March 12, 2010** from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the South Metro Career Center (4389 Imperial Ave.) Co-sponsored by the San Diego Workforce Partnership, the complimentary employment fair will allow you to meet prospective employers and learn more about career resources; bring your resume and dress for success. For more information and to RSVP, call (619) 462-7878 or visit [www.assembly.ca.gov/block](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/block).

**The African American Advisory council of San Diego REPertory Theatre presents the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual KuumbaFest 2010: *Black 2 Greatness – Mind, Body & Spirit* will be held March 12<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup>.** Celebrate the development of Black history, culture and heritage. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (619) 544-1000, (619) 713-6314 or visit [www.kuumbafestsd.com](http://www.kuumbafestsd.com).

**The Friends of the Malcolm X Library present Women's History Month: Celebration of Women Library Leaders on Saturday, March 13, 2010** from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Malcolm X Library (5148 Market St.) Contributions accepted at the door.



**The Broadway Heights Community Council will host their Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 20, 2010** from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Mt. View Recreation Center (641 S. Boundary St.) The menu consists of pancakes, sausages, fresh fruit, orange juice and coffee. For more information, call (619) 582-8147 or (619) 993-7612.

**The Neighborhood Unity Foundation (NUF) is accepting mini grant applications. The community can apply for grants from \$500 up to \$5,000.** If you are interested in applying for a grant, to do a project on behalf of residents of the District Four, please attend an orientation on March 3, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center (404 Euclid Ave.) **Deadline for applications is March 15, 2010.** For more information, please call (619) 527-4570.

**San Ysidro Health Center's Healthy Steps is hosting a series of parent workshops thru March 24, 2010,** 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Lincoln High School in the Parent Center, Room 601. The interactive sessions will provide information along with effective discipline and communication skills for parents to develop and promote healthy family lifestyles. Topics include communication, stages of development through adolescence, defining discipline and child abuse, and ceremony and certificates. For a complete list of dates, workshop topics and to register, please call (619) 662-4119.

**The City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department presents a Spring Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27, 2010** from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon at Chollas Lake (6350 College Grove Dr.) Youth ages two to 17 years of age are welcome. Bring your basket and enjoy the festivities. For more information, call (619) 527-7683.

**Los Bilingual Writers is seeking writers who are interested in interviewing elders and community individuals for its Anthology Book IV to be published in June.** This is an opportunity to use your expert interviewing skills, have a byline and add to your writing resume. You will also receive a complimentary copy. For more information, call (619) 384-7144 or email losbilingualwriters@cox.net.

**The Jackie Robinson Family YMCA Spring Sports program is offering an Early Bird registration discount.** The deadline for the \$10 discount is Saturday, March 13, 2010. All children in grades pre-k to high school are welcome to participate. Basketball, soccer, baseball and track will be offered. All skill levels are welcomed. For more information please contact Monique Henderson, Sports Coordinator at (619)264-0144 ext.107 or email mhenderson@ymca.org.

**Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4th District.** I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers, the exceptional staff of the Environmental Services Department, non-profit organizations and EDCO Waste & Recycling Services that assist in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean





and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in. Special community cleanup event areas are selected based upon citizen requests, pledges of community involvement and previous citizen participation levels. Please feel free to call Solid Waste Code Enforcement Officer Alejandro Alvarado at (858) 627-3317 if you would like to request a clean-up in your area and/or if you have questions.

Recently, the two clean-ups were conducted in District 4 with the City's Environmental Services Department (ESD) and community members.

On March 4, 2010, a special community clean-up was held in the Mountain View area. The successful event removed a total of 8.92 tons of waste from the neighborhood. Thank you to the community of Mountain View for their assistance with this clean-up. For questions regarding this clean-up, please contact Solid Waste code Enforcement Officer Beth Riley at (858) 573-1260.

On March 5, 2010, ESD along with community members Dave Satter and Kim West, conducted a clean-up in the Mt. Hope area. This successful clean-up removed a total of 53.73 tons of waste. Thank you to Mr. Satter and Ms. West along with the fine staff at ESD for their time and commitment toward ensuring the success of this clean-up. For questions regarding this clean-up, please contact Solid Waste code Enforcement Office Beth Riley at (858) 573-1260.

**A Community Cleanup and Recycling Event in a section of the CHOLLAS VIEW community will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010.**

**\*\*\*CORRECTION\*\*\***

**The March 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the e-newsletter indicated the March 20, 2010 Clean-Up was being held in Encanto. THE CLEAN-UP IS BEING HELD IN CHOLLAS VIEW.**

FOR EXACT BLOCK NUMBERS AND STREETS THAT ARE PART OF THIS CLEAN-UP, PLEASE CALL
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## **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:**

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions. Please visit the City's web site at [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov) and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You



will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are. Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4<sup>th</sup> District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission. Councilman Young is seeking qualified individuals to nominate for service on the following Boards and/or Commissions.

## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS:**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Community Meeting (District 4 Staff)</b>	<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>
Thursday, March 11	<b>O'Farrell Park Town Council</b> (Bruce Williams)	6:00 p.m.	MLK Park & Rec Center 6401 Skyline Drive
Saturday, March 13	<b>Rosemont Town Council</b> (Roosevelt Williams III)	9:00 a.m.	Location varies
Monday, March 15	<b>Encanto Neighborhood Community Plan- ning Group</b> (Bruce Williams)	6:30 p.m.	Malcolm X Library 5148 Market Street
Tuesday, March 16	<b>Skyline Hills Community Association</b> (Jimmie Slack)	10:30 a.m.	Morse High School, Rm. B102 6905 Skyline Drive
Tuesday, March 16	<b>Webster Community Council Meeting</b> (Jimmie Slack)	7:00 p.m.	Webster Elementary School 4801 Elm Street
Wednesday, March 17	<b>Mt. View Community Meeting</b> (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Mt. View Park & Rec Center 641 S. Boundary St.
Wednesday, March 17	<b>Paradise Hills Village Council</b> (Liezl Mangonon)	6:30 p.m.	Lee Elementary 6169 Childs Ave.
Thursday, March 18	<b>Martin Luther King Recreation Council</b> (Roosevelt Williams III)	12 noon	MLK Park & Rec Center 6401 Skyline Drive
Thursday, March 18	<b>Lomita Village Town Council</b> (Venus Molina)	6:00 p.m.	Skyline Park & Rec Center 8285 Skyline Drive

## **SAVE THIS DATE:**

**The Jackie Robinson Family YMCA will host the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribute and Scholarship Gala on Saturday, April 24, 2010** at the San Diego Marriott Hotel and Marina. For more information, call (619) 264-0144 x104 or email [mblanek@ymca.org](mailto:mblanek@ymca.org).

**The San Diego Chapter of the National Black Police Association will host the 2010 Spring Educational Training Conference Prayer Breakfast: *Building Something Great Together* featuring keynote speaker Pastor Miles McPherson on Friday, April 20, 2010, 8:00 a.m.** at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront. For ticket information, contact Bryan Pendleton at (619) 980-4233 or Steve Hutchinson at (619) 405-2354.

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